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(*c*) The following points are taken into consideration in sanctioning proposals for the opening of new offices :—

(1) the convenience of the public ;

(2) the number of villages that will be served by the new office ;

(3) the number of registrations likely to be yielded in the area over which the new office will have jurisdiction ;

(4) the financial effect of the opening of the new office, whether it will be self-supporting ; and

(5) the availability of accommodation in the proposed village for the new office and the sub-registrar and his establishment.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—"In answer to clause (*b*) of this question the Government say 'In no case was the opening of new office found practicable'. May I know the reasons for which it was not found practicable ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Because it was found from statistics that the number of registrations that might be done by villages to be attached to the proposed offices was very low."

Strengthening of the clerical establishments of the Registration department.

* 261 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to my question No. 1223 answered on 31st January 1929 and No. 1600 answered on 1st March 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what action has been taken or is contemplated to be taken on the proposed strengthening of the clerical establishments of the Registration Department ?

A.—The question of reorganizing the clerical establishments of the Registration Department is under the consideration of Government.

Sanitation

Separation of the Sanitary Engineering department from the control of the Public Works Department.

* 262 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : With reference to the answers to my questions Nos. 1942 and 1943 answered on 27th March 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have since come to any decision regarding the separation of the Sanitary Engineering Department from the control of the Public Works Department ?

A.—No final decision has yet been arrived at in the matter by the Government.

11-30 a.m. Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the question under consideration includes enabling local bodies to construct sanitary works under the supervision of the Sanitary Engineer without paying centage charges to the Public Works Department ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"It is not under consideration. Local bodies are already allowed to carry on their own work wherever possible."